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## Campus Scene As Grads Hear Oxnam Speech

by Ellen Rothenberg

In a traditional twilight commencement ceremony, Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Pratt Institute, addressed the graduates of the class of June '59. Other highlights of the June 24 exercises were the speeches of senior Grade Advisers Miss Margaret V. Cameron and Miss Mildred J. Cantwell and the conferring of diplomas by Dr. John F. McNeill, principal.

The campus, abloom with roses and other June flowers, furnished a colorful background for the ceremony. Speakers addressed the graduates and audience from a flower decked platform at the rear of the academy, facing the back campus.

## Stress World Affairs

Dr. Oxnam spoke of the great responsibilities of the youth of this "air age." He stressed "enthusiasm and consciousness of world affairs" as important qualities for a good citizen of a democracy to possess.

Another feature of the program was the presentation of awards for scholarship and for school and community service. Richard Goodman, class valedictorian, received the Erasmus Hall Medal for attaining the highest average in all subjects for four years. For outstanding service and scholarship, Susan Kaufman and Richard Bafico received the Nell Faye and Alfred P. McNulty medals.

## Gain Honors

Ten seniors distinguished themselves by earning four or more honors. They were: Richard Olivo, Ilsa Roslow, Miriam Feingold, Arnold Fetel, Helen McNeill, Miriam Dick, Richard Goodman, Kenneth Gottlieb, Stephen Smith and James Thompson.

In addition, many students won scholarships given by the state, by colleges, by private organizations and by the school itself. Erasmus Hall Scholarship Foundation Awards went to: Eleanor Cohen, N'gukay Chin, Ronald Halweil, Jesse Kahn, Juliette Silvers and Mary Weinstock, while Robert Sommer earned another Foundation Award in memory of Ruth L. Berkowsky. Recipients of the Parent-Teachers Association Scholarship Awards were: Eleanor Cohen, Kay Dennis, Gilbert Leonard, Roberta Johnson, Mary Lou Poska and Robert Rodriguez.

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## Students Win Honors For Creative Writing

Medals and possible publication of their work in the fall *Erasmian* will reward Robert Berens, Miriam Epstein, and Francine Winant for their entries which won first places in last term's Richard Young Contest.

Robert won first place in the essay division for "The Silver Cup." Second place went to double winner Francine Winant who wrote "Impressions of Growing Up," "Antiquity," by Samuel Leinhardt, captured third place among the essays.

Miriam won the short story contest with her entry "Me and My Ears and Jeanie," "On the Fire Escape," by Lisa Gould, took second place. Joseph Blum won third place for "Snow Joke."

Francine gained the top honor in the poetry division for her collection of poems featuring "Speaking a Poem." Helen McNeill won second place for "But Not the Joy." Two authors, Stephen Kesselman who wrote "Status Quo Antebellum" and Martha Rosler with "Ephemera" tied for third place among the poets.

Second place winners will also receive medals and those who placed third will receive certificates, during a late October chapel program.



Television Personality, Educator Sam Levenson

## Retailers' Gift Cites Levenson

As a reward for outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service, one member of the class of June 1960 will be the recipient of a \$400 scholarship awarded by the Flatbush Merchants' Association of Brooklyn.

The officers of the Association made this disclosure at their first annual dinner dance September 20, held in honor of President Philip Elkin.

According to Dr. John F. McNeill, principal, the scholarship will bear the name of Sam Levenson, famous television star, and former teacher, who served at this school for one year.

The Merchants' Association will present the award in Sam Levenson's name "because of his magnificent contributions to the life of America through his work as a teacher and an entertainer."

The Honorable Abe Stark, President of the City Council, accepted the scholarship for Mr. Levenson, who was unable to attend the affair. In a message read by Mr. Stark, the former teacher said he would like to see every worthy student go on to higher education, and added that he felt it an honor to have the scholarship named after him. Dr. McNeill accepted the scholarship for the school and thanked the Merchants' Association for this generous award.

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## Pupils Studied This Summer; Took Special Science Courses

by Joseph Blum

Superior ability in various fields enabled several students to take part in advanced study programs during the summer vacation.

DUTCHMAN editor Nina Tolkoff was one of sixteen students who spent six weeks studying zoology at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The National Science Foundation sponsored the course, which was the equivalent of a full year's college study of the subject.

During her stay, Nina lived in the Cornell dormitory and had access to all the facilities of the school. "The nicest part about it," said Nina, "was the student-teacher rapport. It was a wonderful opportunity to get adjusted to college life."

Senior Jeff Cheeger spent part of the summer working in the laboratories of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, trying to perfect a device he calls the "fluid mopper." "In function it is similar to an analog computer," Jeff explained. "Its operation is based on the physical properties of water, which under certain conditions will flow in a manner similar to the flow of heat and electricity."

Jane Rosen, senior, was among twenty students who attended a six-week course on Haematology and Histological Techniques at New York University. Dr. Harry A. Charipper, head of the biology department, gave several lectures on blood cells and tissue structure. Jane said, "I enjoyed the course very much because it was

## G. O. Announces Prospects for the Year; Grade Advisers List Scholars Ranking

### Walter Gross Wins Top Spot

Top scholastic honors for the term ending June 1959 went to graduate Walter Gross, who attained a 98.2% average. Forty-two other high-ranking students, representing all four grades, finished close behind him at the top of the school's honor roll.

According to the scholarship list issued in September by Deans of boys Shamman and Dugan, graduate Richard Olivo, juniors Steven Kesselman and Ellen Rothenberg, and sophomore Michael Lesk tied for second place with averages of 97.6.

## Senior Leaders

Others placing high were senior Richard Goodman with 97.25; graduates Michael Lubell, Emily Schottenfeld and Susan Kaufman with 97, and Miriam Feingold, 96.83; junior Alan Eisner who attained 96.8; seniors Richard Zuckerman, Joyce Kessler, 96.75; Jerome Rubin, 96.6; and Harry Lesch, 96.25. Rounding out the school's top ten with a four-way tie were senior Miriam Dick, juniors Bruce Wagner and Emily Zack, and sophomore Alice Merker, with 96.2 averages.

Other graduates with averages of 95 per cent or better were Arnold Fetel, 96; Terri Grodzicker and Roberta Kinstler, 95.75; Henry Fienman, 95.2; and Eileen Bianco, Jesse Kahn and Stephen Skiwire with 95.

## Name Top Juniors

Top juniors included Lynn Willer, 95.6; Suzanne Nazer, Arline Levine, Judith Shapiro and Joel Snider, 95.4; Richard Hochberg, Ann Silverstein and Linda Fienberg achieved 95.2 to complete the list.

High in the sophomore grade were Richard Alben, Roberta Hershkovitz and Amy Kaiser with 96; Judith Dick and Donald Cooper, 95.4; and Bruce Weiskopf and Louise Katz with 95.2.

Representing the freshmen were Robert Douglas, 95.6, and Nancy Rabkin, 95.2.



MR. CAMPANA Plans Fall Term with G. O. officers Toni Scheer, Zelda Shapiro, and Bonnie Banks

## Faculty Membership Changed By Appointments, Retirements

The faculty, altered by the loss of twenty-three members and by the addition of thirty-one, is hard at work on a double session program with 6,500 students. Two grade advisers, a department chairman, and twenty others have retired, transferred to other schools or are on leave.

Miss Margaret Cameron, termed a monument in the school and described by English chairman Dr. A. Barnett Langdale, as a fine scholar and a master of teaching methods, retired this year after many years here as a grade adviser and a teacher of English. Miss Cameron is an alumna of our school.

Also retired is Dr. Harry E. Wedeck, chairman of the Latin department, who had taught here since 1936 and is the author of many novels and textbooks. Jean Hémon, longtime French teacher, Mrs. Josephine Guérin, a physical training teacher, and Miss Clara Ketterle have retired.

Mr. Robert Cuccaro, grade adviser at the annex for the past five years received an assistant principal's appointment in an elementary school. Other transfers are Mrs. Pat Geraghty (nee Walsh), Miss Lisa Titus, Mrs. Helen Reader and Messieurs

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President Linda McLean, vice-president Janet Leveridge, Shelly Dratler, secretary, and treasurer Barbara Grant are the newly-installed officers of the Leaders Club. The club, under the direction of Miss Rosemary Holloman, will continue the organization of girls' after-school sports, including hockey, baseball, and volleyball. Also on the agenda is a "playday," devoted to intermural sport competitions. Gym classes will receive announcements concerning try-outs for this club.

Members of the French club have re-elected the officers of last term: Steve Kesselman will again serve as president, aided by vice-president Lynn Willer, and Linda McLean, secretary. Faculty adviser, Mr. Sydney Levitan, chairman of the French department, reports that the club plans to present a Chapel Program, probably composed of dramatic readings and poetry in French and English.

## Twelve Seniors Semifinalists In National Merit Competition

Named as semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship test, seniors Philip Berelson, Joseph Blum, Ephraim Cohen, Alan Eisner, Dennis Friedland, Stephen Kesselman, Ellen Litt, Martha Rosler, Judith Shapiro, Ellen Sugarman, Matthew Winston, and Emily Zach have become eligible to compete in the final two rounds of the comprehensive examination.

These students are among ten thousand of the highest scorers on this second test. In the final phase of the testing, high school grades, extracurricular activities, school citizenship, and leadership qualities of the students will be evaluated along with the examination scores.

The next hurdle will be the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board on December 5, 1959. Those who repeat

## Plans Include Dances, Sing

by Kenneth Mutterperl

While world leaders discuss future plans for peace and disarmament, our newly elected G.O. officials reveal new projects and proposals for the coming year.

President Toni Scheer, vice-president Zelda Shapiro, and secretary Bonnie Banks are formulating a tentative G.O. program with the approval of faculty adviser, Mr. John Campana.

The three top officials, in addition to advocating G.O. sponsorship of all activities, are planning for a Sing scheduled to take place some time in March. The school leaders are also enthusiastic about a semi-annual leadership conference composed mainly of club presidents and team captains who would be of mutual assistance to one another.

## Drama Planned

The officers await the student council's approval of a suggestion to re-establish "The Footlighter," the dramatic club of our school. An amusing play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," would be this year's presentation, produced and directed under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Robert Stewart, who is willing to act as faculty adviser.

The G.O. will conduct its annual grade elections in October. Grade councils will be set up later in the year for the purpose of promoting school spirit within the grades. The councils will also be able to deal with specific problems in regard to the respective grades.

## Need Spirit

A Buff and Blue Day, modeled after last year's success, a Sadie Hawkins dance, and a talent show will highlight the G.O. program for the immediate future. "These plans, however, cannot be realized unless we have the support of the student body," noted Toni Scheer.

Three representatives will attend the October conference in Andover, New Jersey, where G.O. officers and newspaper editors of New York City schools convene "for the purpose of finding a common denominator," as Mr. Campana said.

## Nina and Dennis Gain Top Jobs In Legion Citizenship Program

Last spring, administrative assistant Miss Grace L. Corey and the three Junior grade advisers, chose two students on the basis of scholarship, service and character to attend citizenship programs sponsored by the American Legion and their Women's Auxiliary.

In the individual sections held at New Paltz State Teachers College for girls, and Colgate University for boys, both Nina Tolkoff and Dennis Friedland joined approximately 500 other teenagers from public, parochial and private high schools throughout the state in a profitable educational experience.

The week of June 19-27 offered an introduction into dorm life, an opportunity to make many wonderful friends, and to learn about the functioning of party organization and the many responsibilities inherent in government.

Each group had a political instructor who supervised the informal debates, discussions and party caucuses. Noted speakers on all phases of government answered questions on many aspects of politics.

The emphasis of Girl and Boy's State was on "learning by doing". Each group, arbitrarily divided into two political parties, conducted an enthusiastic campaign to elect their own county and state officers.

Nina Tolkoff, chosen party leader of the victorious Federalists at Girl's State, saw the entire slate of her party's candidates gain office.

## Parents Attend Tea; Meet Grade Advisers

Parents of new students became acquainted with the school at a P.T.A. welcome tea October 6. Miss Grace L. Corey, administrative assistant, introduced the parents to the freshman and sophomore grade advisers.

The P.T.A. officers have planned the first meeting, October 28, 1959 at 8 P.M. in chapel as an informational one for parents of new students. Dr. John F. McNeill, principal, and Miss Corey will address the parents regarding what the school expects from its students. A panel of teachers will discuss the new increased graduation requirements, and the questions of scholarships, loans, and college admission. A question and answer period will follow the discussion.

Mr. Myron Ellis, president of the P.T.A. has asked students to invite their parents to the meeting.

## Secretarial Studies Chairman Advocates Balanced Program

by Lisa Gould

"The most important question," smiled Miss Winifred McMahon, chairman of the secretarial studies department, "is this: 'Do we do the job for which we are equipped honestly and to the best of our ability?'"

Besides heading the department and teaching classes, the mentor also helps to find jobs for commercial students upon graduation.

"Most firms are very eager to hire Erasmus Hall girls," she said proudly. "Not only do they present a fine appearance, but they are well prepared for their work." She continued, "Many of our girls attend college too, and a few go on to teach in the high schools."

### Describes Courses

When asked exactly what courses are available to the commercial student, Miss McMahon smiled. "We give four terms of stenography, two terms of typing, two of transcription, and, after the sixth term, a one year course in secretarial training. The last," she explained, "is a course which polishes up already-learned skills and teaches office procedures."

The school gives a valuable course in clerical practice for general students, according to the department head.

Along with four terms of typing, there are four terms of clerical procedure. The latter includes such skills as filing and switchboard operation. After completing this course, the student can obtain a good job as a typist or clerical worker.

Classes in both secretarial training and clerical practice have the use of many fine, newly installed machines. These include a switchboard, duplicating, transcribing and adding machines.

### Studied Mathematics

"Academic students can also benefit from the commercial department," said its head. "Many do not know this, but there is a one year accelerated course in stenography and typing for academic seniors." Miss McMahon feels that it is equally important for the academic student to take business courses as it is for the commercial pupil to study as many academic subjects as possible, giving the graduating senior a well-rounded background.

The department head, whose outside interests include reading, theater and travel, originally studied to teach mathematics. However, she has never regretted her switch to secretarial studies.

"It is not what you teach, but what you do to help the children with whom you come into contact, that is important," was her clincher.



Miss Winifred McMahon

## Cutters, Careless Fill No Medicine Infirmary

by Michael Lesk

Home of Band-Aids, medical records and cold germs, Boot Hill of Erasmus, the Boys' Infirmary, receives the sick, injured, and attempted cutters of school. About one a period walks, limps, or is carried in.

The infirmary also keeps medical records (now you know where all those dental notes have been going), on which great importance is set. When someone collapsed in gym last term, an urgent request was sent out for his records.

Treatment is simplified because none is permitted. No medicine, not even aspirin or Bufferin, can be given. Diagnosis is by thermometer, which is shaken down to 93 and stuck under the tongue. The subject is then placed away from the radiator so he can't hold the thermometer over it, and left for three minutes after it becomes really uncomfortable. If it is 98.6, back to class he goes, test or not. If above that, he goes home (unless he is caught cheating). If he fails to reach that, he is deemed "cold-blooded" and sent to the bio lab.

There are accidents which require "Accident Reports" (documents slightly less complicated than the Versailles Treaty). Most occur when boys jump on the stairs, but some hurt themselves in class by stabbing themselves with pencils. Treatment is the covering of everything within three feet of tape and bandage. At least this prevents people from fainting at the sight of the wound.

Let us not forget the cheats. One boy claimed a sore hip, then forgot which leg to limp on.

## What Went Wrong?

Early in September, the Soviet Union astounded the world by scoring the first direct hit on the surface of the moon. The Russians beat the United States to the moon! How was this possible? What went wrong?

Only two years ago, the United States enjoyed a feeling of superiority in science, but it has become evident that in rocketry and in some basic sciences the Russians are ahead. Some claim their superiority is the result of poor scientific education in the schools of the United States and that the way to compensate this is to increase science education, even though at the expense of the humanities.

It is certainly true that more emphasis must be placed on science. Science is of vital importance to our defensive power, but strength of arms is only transitory strength. It is through our culture, the tradition of freedom of religion and speech, and "the unchained mind" that the United States has gained its lasting power.

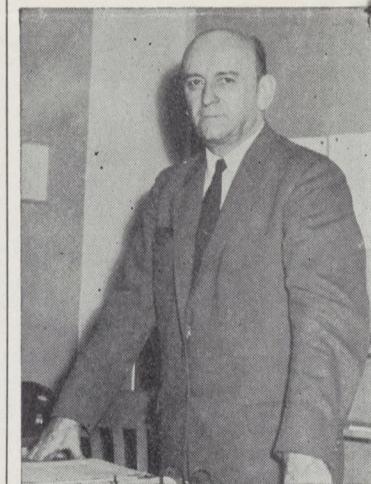
We must increase our scientific education in order to survive in the oncoming years of crisis. We must remember, however, that to retard the study of the humanities, and forget that "man does not live by bread alone" would be more harmful in the long run than cutting down our scientific research.

## Introductory Offer

If we had hired an advertising agency to handle the campaign for G. O. membership, an ad might read "Special Introductory Offer, DUTCHMAN given free to acquaint you with G. O. membership." Yes, this issue of the DUTCHMAN is a present to all students from the General Organization, but we don't need an agency to handle the campaign. When you know the facts, you will join your G. O. Membership does not require any special qualifications—only your interest in the school. The school newspaper is just one of many G. O. sponsored activities, which also include special events and distribution of discount tickets. The General Organization's elaborate plans for the coming year cannot materialize if the student body doesn't give its support.

The G. O.'s purpose is to represent the people who created it. Students owe their government loyalty and support in the form of dues and participation in G. O. sponsored activities. It is your duty, as Erasmians, to take an active part in your school through the G. O. The membership drive has commenced—join!

## Principal Calls for Courtesy; Letter Urges Diligent Studies



Dr. John F. McNeill

8 October, 1959

To the students of Erasmus Hall:

To all of you, new students as well as those returning, heartiest greetings and best wishes for your success in the school year ahead. A new school year means a new start, new hopes and ambitions and, I hope, new and greater accomplishments. May this be the best year ever for each one of you!

You will achieve the maximum degree of success if you are here every day punctually, pay attention and participate actively in every class, do your homework and study diligently and systematically. Don't be satisfied with a mere passing mark, but strive to do your best in every class. For those going to college or other higher schools, the competition is intense today. To achieve your goal, you must work hard and long to meet the requirements set for you. Diligence and persistence are as necessary as brains these days.

Many years ago General Robert E. Lee, when president of Washington College, was asked what the rules of the college were. "We have hit one rule," he replied, "and that is that every student must be a gentleman."

We expect our students to be young ladies and young gentlemen. We give you great freedom but with it goes

the heavy responsibility for proper conduct in all places and at all times. You know what the right standards of conduct are in school, on the streets, on our buses and subways, and in your homes. In every situation you have the responsibility of choosing deliberately what you will do or say. The test of your character is what you do voluntarily when you are entirely on your own. I have confidence that you will meet successfully such tests of character, that you will be a self-directed, self-disciplined, and responsible individual.

In your work please feel free to call upon any of us on the faculty to help you. Working together we of the faculty and you can help make this a happy and successful year.

Sincerely,  
JOHN F. MCNEILL,  
Principal.

## Moon Inhabitants Disappear; Lunar Melodrama Tells Story

by Joseph Blum

I  
*Scene: The Moon. A small private residence in the heart of the Sea of Tranquillity.*  
*Time: Very recently.*

(Very loud noise is heard)!!!

Long pause . . . .

*Mrs. Plyxck: George? George!*

*Mr. Plyxck: Mnnahh?*

*Mr. Plyxck: George, wake up!*

*Mr. P.: Mnnmhp?*

*Mrs. P.: Did you just hear a noise, dear?*

*Mr. P.: Like wha'?*

*Mrs. P.: It sounded like an explosion outside—please go and look.*

*Mr. P.: Later. Lemme sleep.*

(Short pause) . . . .

*Mrs. P.: George, I'm scared.*

*George . . . .*

*George?*

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### LUNATNIK NEWS

*Luna City, Luna (LP)—Zartil 3, 7966*  
Several citizens of Sector IV reported seeing a strange object in the sky at 97:00 last night. The Defense Dept. has refused to comment, although one government official hotly denied the suggestion that the so-called UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) was an extra-lunar craft, perhaps a spaceship. No evidence has been found to support the rumor that a strangely lettered object landed in a certain citizen's back yard shortly after.

III

*Luna City, Luna (LP)—Zartil 4, 7966*  
Unconfirmed but reliable sources have reported that the president and his cabinet met in special session late last night. The reason for the meeting is as yet unexplained.

IV

*Luna City, Luna (LP)—Zartil 5, 7966*  
An elderly couple from Sector IV, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Plyxck, are reported missing from their home at 618 Xbfil St. Police are now investigating.

### Moon Thoughts

Poor Moon  
Pierced by missiles  
Rockets burn. Your cold death  
Discovering. All your secret ways  
Revealed.

Nations  
Reaching upward  
Striving to possess you  
Unknowning, seeking to destroy  
Themselves.  
by Marc Lippman

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## Kurian Reviews 'The Magician'

by Steven Kurian

Rarely does a motion picture come along which can properly be termed a work of art. In this reviewer's opinion Ingmar Bergman's latest effort, "The Magician," is one of the select few to which the connotation applies.

Dr. Vogler, the magician of the title, is driven by an overpowering hatred for those who have what he lacks, wealth and power. Wherever he goes, the rich and powerful scoff at his "magnetic and supernatural" powers, though the commoners both fear and respect them.

Vogler's wife is very much in love with him. She is willing to stand by him in everything he does, but refuses to permit his consuming hatred to destroy him.

In one of the towns Vogler's troupe visits, the Minister of Health insists on a demonstration of Vogler's powers. Being a scientist, he naturally does not believe in the inexplicable. Vogler succeeds in shattering

the minister's ego. However, the minister's tremendous conceit refuses to admit defeat. He scoffs at Vogler's "cheap tricks" and does not acknowledge that though "cheap," they produced the desired effect.

An amazing technician, Bergman uses his material and excellent Swedish cast to achieve many strange and startling effects. Many of the scenes are entirely surrealistic in nature. The skillful use of black and white photography and employment of the harsh and sometimes dissonant twanging of a solitary guitar accomplish this.

"The Magician" is playing at the Fifth Avenue Cinema at Twelfth Street in the Village. It is a film which must be seen more than once to be fully appreciated. It is like a painting, and therefore the viewer must exert himself and try to understand what the artist is trying to say. It is not a film to be missed.

## Guidelines for Guidance

by Kenneth Mutterperl

### Attention All Students:

Whether you're interested in choosing a college, a vocation, or a career, the guidance office is the place to visit. It contains hundreds of college catalogues, some of which may be borrowed, career information, vocational directories, and descriptions of scholarship programs. The guidance counselors, Mrs. Fannie Spieler, Mrs. Ruth Ginsberg, and Mrs. Helen Low are on hand periods 2-10 (except period 6) to assist you in planning your future. Students are kept constantly informed of the ever-changing scene of events by means of a weekly guidance bulletin which is read and posted every Monday in the official classes. However, students can easily arrange interviews with the counselors by appointment.

### Attention Juniors:

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test will take place on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, November 1. It will be a two-hour test, similar in composition to the College Entrance Examination Board's regular Scholastic Aptitude Test. The test is designed to help students discover their weaknesses and prepare for the senior Boards.

### Attention Sophs:

Start preparing for college now by building a strong academic record and by engaging in extra-curricular activities. Visit the guidance office often and keep up to date with the changing requirements of college.

## Gridders Beat St. John's Prep; Strong Backfield Leads Way

by Mark Fleisher

With a powerful offense the Buff and Blue gridders, using their second-string defense, outscored St. John's Prep 44-36 in a pre-season scrimmage held September 25 at Erasmus Hall Field.

The visitors, coached by Herb Hess, scored first when Jimmy Smith tossed a 35-yard touchdown pass. They then added the two-point conversion. Minutes later the Little Redmen repeated the process and they led 16-0.

The Buff and Blue then drove up field and after an eight-yard pass from quarterback Emil Castro to halfback Steve Godoff, co-captain Don Jones scored from 15 yards out. The point after touchdown missed.

After a St. John's first down, Fred Dixon intercepted a pass and raced 30 yards for a touchdown. Again the try for the extra point failed. St. John's then scored on two plays, made the extra points and led 24-12.

The recovery of fumbles set up the Buff and Blue's next two touchdowns. Bruce Baron pounced on a loose ball and six plays later Godoff scored from the seven. He also tallied the two-point conversion. After an exchange of punts Art Weiner recovered a fumble and on the next play Castro completed a touchdown pass to Howard Henry. The Dutchmen added the two extra points and they led 28-24.

Fleet George Hobson scored the last two Buff and Blue touchdowns. He intercepted a pass for his first score and later ran ten yards for his second. Both times the two-point conversion was made and the Dutchmen led 44-24.

However, the visitors fought back as John Scali pitched a scoring pass. Then Tom Wendell intercepted a pass and ran twenty yards for the final touchdown.

## Dutchman Graduates Play Collegiate Ball

The school has won renown for producing fine athletes. In two sports, football and basketball, we are well-represented by past graduates now playing for their respective colleges.

Of the 1957 championship football team, two varsity members, Bob Peterson and Fred Krasny, are attending the University of South Carolina. The co-captains of the 1958 football squad, Dan Kaufold and George Wichelns, are Nebraska-bound.

One of the members of last season's mighty North Carolina basketball team was Doug Moe, who graduated in 1957 and was an outstanding member of that year's basketball team. Mike Berger, who graduated in 1958, had a phenomenal year as a freshman at the University of Rochester.

Lew Freifeld and Bob Sommer, co-captains of last year's team, which won third place in the City Championships, are now playing basketball for V.M.I. and Brooklyn College, respectively. Their teammates, Joel Yoselowitz and Johnny Pelkaus, who gained all-city team honors for the same team, are attending L.I.U. and N.Y.U., respectively.

## Girls Sports

by Roberta Levy and Freddi Schurr

With the school term already begun and a new year before us, the faculty of our school has again planned a most diversified program for girls interested in sports.

For the lower terms there again is hockey, on Saturday mornings at Prospect Park. All who join up will be starting on the road to extra sports credit and a chance to qualify for Leaders Club next year.

A modern dance club has begun for juniors and seniors. An instructor from Brooklyn College will instruct the group. The club will work toward a spring chapel program.

The week of September 28, marked the beginning of all outdoor sport activities which include: bowling on Tuesday under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Hughes; softball at the Parade



The gridders advance against the St. John's Prep line in a pre-season scrimmage

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE	
Fall, 1959	
Tilden	Oct. 10
Tilden Field	
Madison	Oct. 17
Madison Field	
Midwood	Oct. 24
Brooklyn College Field	
*John Jay	Oct. 31
Boys' High Field	
Boys' High	Nov. 7
Boys' High Field	
*Revival	
SEE ALL THESE DIVISION III GAMES	

## Coach Ryan Hopeful As Aqua Squad Trains

In an effort to improve on last year's record of 8-5, swimming coach James Ryan has begun to assemble this season's squad.

Hit hard by the loss of Tom Corbin, Alan Sweedler, Johnny Ehrlich, John Train, Jim Slavin, and Jon Aaronson through graduation, Coach Ryan expects that this year's team will be based mainly around the talents of co-captains Eddie Gelber and Jim Fryer.

### Veterans Return

Joining Gelber and Fryer, are veterans Jim Simon, Ricardo Hoffman, Sheldon Diesenhouse, Earl Einhorn, Jeff Cheeger and Neil Hofstetter. The coach expressed the hope that several newcomers could fit smoothly in with the veterans. He added that the addition of neophytes would be of great help to the squad which supply needs depth.

Coach Ryan commented that it was still too early in the season to see how they shaped up and he could only say, "We'll be doing the best we can."

### Season's Opener

The season opens on October 6 with a meet at John Jay and closes on November 17 with the Dutchmen playing host to Grady. Other scheduled home meets include contests with Curtis and Madison. In other battles, the aquamen will take on Lincoln, New Utrecht, and Midwood in the opponent's pools.

When asked to comment on the team's chances, co-captain Gelber replied, "We should have a successful season with our veterans and our good newcomers."

## Sports Thoughts

by Bob Gelbard



Several new and important developments in the world of P.S.A.L. football promise to make this season one of the best in years.

The 1959-60 season will finally produce what many coaches have hoped for many years, an actual city title. In the past, the team or teams with the best record in the city claimed the mythical championship. A tie resulted in 1957, when both the Buff and Blue gridders and Lincoln finished with undefeated records.

Now the city's 20 high school football teams have been divided into four leagues: Division I consists of Clinton, Evander Childs, Monroe, and Stuyvesant. Curtis, Flushing, Adams, and Far Rockaway are in II, and Boys' High, Madison, John Jay (formerly Manual Training), Midwood, Tilden, and the Flying Dutchmen make up Division III. IV includes Lincoln, Brooklyn Tech, Lafayette, New Dorp, New Utrecht, and Jefferson.

According to most observers the strong teams in III are Tilden and the Dutchmen Eleven. John Jay, back after a two-year absence in football, and Madison are dark horses. As this reporter sees it, the Old Grey School's gridders will come through if those injured during the summer and during practice will regain top form by October 10, the date of the opening game against Tilden.

This year, high school football games will appear, but on Channel 7, instead of Channel 9. We hope that they will be presented with the same technical excellence as those of last year.

## Co-Captains Castro and Jones Ask For Football Supporters

by Joel Snider

In contrast to the heavy line of this year's football team, two comparatively light backfield men, Emil Castro and Don Jones, have become co-captains.

Short, 5 feet 7 inches, right half-back "Smitty" Jones weighs 154 pounds but makes up for his size with his speed. Emil, who will start at quarterback, is 6 feet and weighs 180 pounds. Both boys have extensive experience in football. Emil played junior varsity as a sophomore and Don started in junior high school and graduated to varsity football last year.

When questioned about their nicknames, Captains Castro and Jones glanced at each other and the scatback spat, "The boys call me Jonesy, Smitty, Chico—and a few other names."

The captains have college plans close in mind since time for decisions is nearing. Emil wants to major in mathematics or political science at an Ivy League college while Jonesy plans an engineering course in a New England school.

"I dabble in several types of art when I have free time," claimed Don.

"I find listening to rock and roll and classical music an enjoyable diversion," added the quarterback. Aside from football the two also like to play baseball and Emil even plays for the diamondmen. Commenting on his co-captain's playing, Emil noted, "Jonesy frequently fumbles the ball and recovers it on a bounce."

FOOTBALL LINEUP	
Right End—Henry	6' 3"—180
Right Tackle—Martino	6' 1 1/2"—230
Right Guard—Atwell	5' 8"—185
Center—Sonnenstein	5' 11"—190
Left Guard—Kelly	5' 8"—175
Left Tackle—Ruminaghi	6' 2"—215
Left End—Glickman	5' 11"—180
Quarterback—Castro	6'—180
Right Halfback—Jones	5' 8"—160
Left Halfback—Hobson	6'—180
Fullback—Bonanno	5' 5"—168



Football co-captains Don Jones and Emil Castro

"Well, accidents must happen," retorted Don.

Perhaps taking Smitty's lucky breaks into consideration, Coach Monahan remarked, "Jonesy is a speedy runner, hard worker, and is a wonder at blocking. Emil," he added, "has one of the strongest passing arms in P.S.A.L. football."

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## Grid Coach Chooses Starters; Team Plays Pre-Season Games

by Joel Snider

Confronted with a team rich in juniors, Coach Joe Monahan has his job set out before him—to provide the gridders with necessary experience in P.S.A.L. football. To further this aim, the coach has arranged several games prior to the October 10 opener against Tilden.

Despite the squad's lack of experience assistant coach Howie Furer considers it well-balanced with a good passing attack, speed, and a heavy line.

### Chooses Starters

Because of numerous pre-season injuries Coach Monahan has had difficulty in choosing a starting team. The tentative first-stringers are co-captains Emil Castro and Don Jones at quarterback and right halfback, either Bob Bonanno or Ed Glickman at fullback. For left halfback the mentor will choose his starter from among Fred Dixon, Steve Godoff, and George Hobson. "The backfield," the coach noted, "is a speedy one."

At center are Bruno Rumignani and Harvey Sonnenstein flanked by guards Aldric Atwell and Kevin Kelly. The tackles, Tony Martino and Elmer Kornegay, who weigh well over 200 pounds, and the ends, Howard Henry and Dick DeVito, complete the line.

### Asks Support

Substitutes for the line are Tom Crystal, Louie Cardella, Steve Coletti, Arthur Weiner, Gene Zalbert, Chuck Leinwand, Dennis Rosenzweig, Bruce Baron and David White. In the backfield are Paul Campana, Sal Corrado, Steven Fischberg, John Boltuch, Barry Kaplan, Abraham Garrett and Melvin White.

Coach Heichman urges any boys interested in trying out for the cross-country or track team to contact him immediately at the Gym Office. He adds, "Here is a chance for boys interested in track to serve their school and earn themselves a major letter."

## Dutchman Booters Tie Middies; Successful Season Envisioned

by Allen Tobias

An almost certain victory for our soccer team in a September 23, scrimmage game with Midwood High School became a 2-2 tie with three minutes to go in the final quarter when a luckless Dutchman unwittingly "handed" the ball in the penalty zone. The penalty kick by flashy Midwood halfback Art Ammann which followed the misplay was good and closed the one goal gap between the two teams.

Since Raul Dorego's second period kick scored from about twenty yards out we had enjoyed a 2-1 lead. The first tally of the game came when an early Midwood attack caught the Dutchman defense off-guard. The other Buff and Blue goal was registered by Leslie Weekes only minutes before Dorego's boot.

### Assays Squad

"In spite of the frustrating penalty goal the team played well and judging from today's performance we should do well this season," said captain Bart Pagluighi.

Coach Mal Shanman said of season prospects, "I think the team shows great potential. I have never seen a team with as much enthusiasm. There is no foreseeable reason why we shouldn't come out way-up on top." Shanman's crew, with only four starters back from last year, is depending upon several fine European ballplayers recruited this year and last year's reserves who have developed into first-rate booters.

### Starting Team

The eleven starters were center-forward Dorego; Ernest Andon, left-inside; Leon Vasilidis, right-inside; Alvaro Verano, left-wing; and co-captain Leslie Weekes at right-wing. Other starters and their positions were Bart Pagluighi, center; Paul Goldblatt, left-halfback; Alan Briterman, right-halfback; Jacob Kurzer, left-fullback; and Mike Katz, right-fullback. Leslie Gordon started in the goal. Replacements were George Greenfield for Gordon at goalie and Allen Tobias for Kurzer at fullback.

## Keglers Aim at Title As Veterans Improve

The keglers opened their season against Midwood High on October 7.

For the tryouts, Mr. John Campana, coach of the bowling team, had the largest turnout ever. Thirty-five boys, including 14 seniors and 21 juniors, tried out for the team. Regulars returning from last year's varsity are, captain Irv Becker and Art McGroarty. Outstanding prospects among the seniors are Jerry Bailin, David Cohen, Sal D'Arrigo, Stan Horowitz and Lew Levettown. Among the juniors an outstanding prospect is Errol Hunger, who during the tryouts bowled 235 and 200. Other juniors who show promise are Jeff Anker, Doug Weinstein, Robert Sneddon, Alan Fierstein and Peter Vega. Mr. Campana and captain Irv Becker think that the prospects for this year are excellent. Veterans returning from last year are bowling better than ever, and the newcomers show remarkable promise.

The schedule for this year includes Midwood in our opening game, Winona, Tilden, Madison, Hamilton and Sheepshead Bay.

Erasmus Hall may have one of its best teams in years, with an excellent chance of winning its third straight P.S.A.L. Division Championship.

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## Ten Girls Receive Gold Pins At Junior Red Cross Ceremony

Ten Erasmians donned the light blue uniforms of the Junior Red Cross Volunteers for service this summer at Coney Island, Kings County, and Brooklyn Jewish Hospitals.

The girls' tasks ranged from changing babies' diapers to staging puppet shows for the older children in the pediatric wards.

Edna Goldenblum and Nadene Norstein along with Lisa Gould, Martha Gore, Jane Gomperts, Benai Greene, Ellen Litt, Judy Klein, Judy Shapiro and Judy Smith received gold pins inscribed with the insignia of the Red Cross at a ceremony in honor of their work, Thursday, September 17 at Prospect Heights High School.

When asked what the Red Cross meant, Martha Gore aptly replied, "The Red Cross is people helping people."

"One of the most interesting facets of my job was operating a machine which recorded the amount of sodium and potassium in the blood," said volunteer Edna Goldenblum.

"Working with children of all faiths and nationalities also gave me a chance to try out my halting Spanish," remarked DUTCHMAN editor Lisa Gould.

"Nurses and doctors alike treated us as equals and we realized how much our extra effort meant," added Nadene Norstein.

Any boy or girl interested in joining the corps of volunteer workers who has free time after school should contact Miss Renée Shapiro, our teacher sponsor for all Junior Red Cross activities.

## Commencement

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Richard Olivo, also recipient of a General Motors Scholarship, won an honorary National Merit Scholarship, while seventeen others received National Merit Certificates and twenty gained National Merit letters of commendation.

The exercises contained a note of special sadness beyond that of parting. This past year marked the end of Miss Cameron's service as a teacher and grade adviser. The retiring English mentor expressed great fondness for the school and said that she, like the graduates, had fond memories of Erasmus Hall.

The Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. Martin Mella, and the Senior Chorus, led by Mr. Charles Johnson, performed musical selections, including a processional, "Champions on Parade," and an old Dutch hymn.

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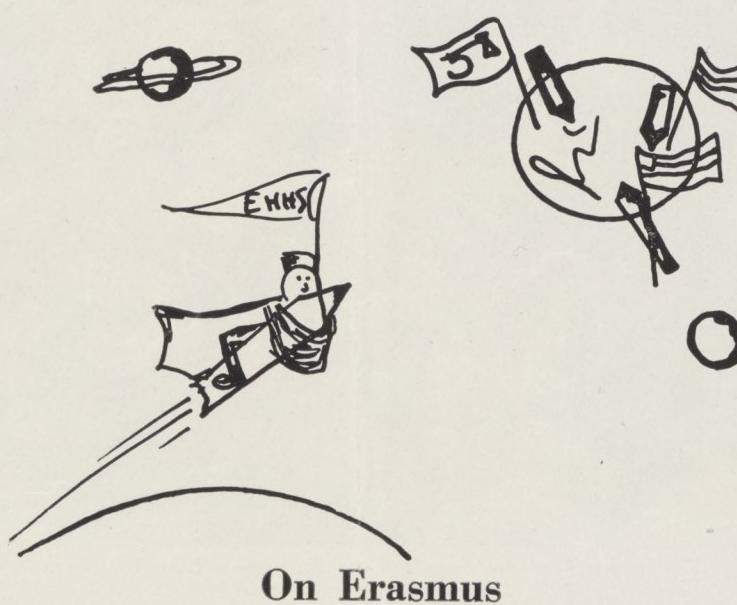
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### See Chem Films

Class P7X4 is engaged in another phase of a major "pilot study," made possible by a special foundation grant.

An audio-visual course consisting of a set of 160 Encyclopedia Britannica films on chemistry, offers gifted juniors the opportunity to progress more rapidly in science by doubling in chemistry and physics. "This permits study in advanced college placement in their senior year," commented Mr. Ellis Katzman, chairman of the Physical Science department and co-ordinator of the program.

The course involves a thirty-minute film each day, with questioning and

discussions. In addition there are two extra periods of lab each week, plus physics classes held daily for the "six major" pupils.

One science-bogged student admitted, "It's an exhausting, but fascinating schedule."

### Twenty Students

The junior participants are: Richard Alben, Thomas Chisena, Roberta Fels, Richard Gellar, Stanton Hoegerman, Theodore Ianucelli, Michael Lesk, Marc Lippman, William Matthew, Marilyn Melkonian, William Rothman, Jerome Rubin, Suellen Safir, Sidney Schaer, Richard Scheider, Steven Sinert, Richard Steingesser, Lawrence Strenger, Joel Teller, and Daniel Warren.

Part two of these "Camera Capers" occurs behind the scene as part of Erasmus night life. At weekly evening session, Mr. Samuel Schenberg, director of science of the Board of Education, shows these same films to teachers in an inservice course. After watching the films together, the teachers review and discuss the material and techniques presented, in an effort to evaluate the new classroom methods.

"In this way we hope to make the best possible use of the films," Mr. Katzman said.

Other students can expect to see some of the most select of these films from time to time during the year.

Both students and teachers responded enthusiastically when queried as to the potential of educational live T.V. and moving pictures.

### Educational T.V.

"Despite its brief existence, the T.V. cameras have become a revolutionary force in our entire educational system. Throughout the nation housewives are watching 'Basic Russian One' instead of such programs as 'Queen for a Day,'" Michael Lesk said.

Suellen Safir noted such programs as NBC's "Continental Classroom," the sponsorship of the "Sunrise Semester Series" by CBS, and the support of the "Regents Educational T.V. Project" by WPIX, as contributions to new educational techniques.

"Perhaps the 'closing college doors' can be opened again by exploring the many aspects of television as an educational medium," Mr. Katzman remarked.

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